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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 7-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5 and 6 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 16-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

With respect to claim 16, applicants indicates "a **remote** server computer" (in line 5) to perform to retrieve a diagnostics module capable of testing the component and to execute the diagnostic module to test for a failure or potential failure of the component in response. However, in line 7, "a server computer" operative to store... in response to a request". What is the remote server computer that applicants refer to cooperate in figure 2?

Claims 17-20 are rejected based on dependency form.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-4, 7-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Orr (US 6,189,114).

With respect to claims 1-4, 7, 8 and 16, 17, 18, Orr teaches a system and method provides remote diagnostics testing of a data processing system for testing the function of a component of the system comprising a client computer (data processing system) operative to receive a user request to perform a diagnostic on the component (column 3, lines 8-10), to retrieve (run list) a diagnostics module capable of testing the component from a remote server computer and to execute the diagnostics module to test for a failure or potential failure of the component (column 3, lines 10-19); and a server computer (server system 40) operative to store the diagnostic module, to receive requests from the client computer for diagnostics module, and to transmit the diagnostics module to the client computer in response to a request (column 5, lines 14-47).

With respect to claim 9, 14, 15, Orr teaches a method for locating, retrieving, installing, and executing a diagnostics module capable of testing a component of a computer system comprising receiving a user request to perform a diagnostic on the component (column 3, lines 8-10); in response to the request, locating (defining from diagnostic code 68) and retrieving a diagnostic module capable of testing the component from a remote server computer and executing the diagnostics module to test for a failure or potential failure of the component (column 5, lines 14-47). The step of installing a diagnostics module on the computer system is inherently known in the art because a diagnostic program (64) in flash ROM (50) to perform diagnostic testing having diagnostics code (68) is installed in computer system (column 5, lines 32-47, figure 2).

With respect to claims 10-13, Orr teaches the claimed invention as set forth in claim 9 above, Orr further teach the control object is embedded in the web page and the control object is operative to communicate with the server computer to locate and retrieve the diagnostics module and executing the diagnostics modules (figure 1, column 4, lines 38-65 and column 5, lines 32-47).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 5-6 and 19-20 (if over come 112 rejection in based claim) are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bryan Bui whose telephone number is 571-272-2271. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th from 7am-4pm, and Alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John E. Barlow can be reached on 571-272-2269. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Art Unit: 2863

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